

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2005-238-C and 2005-407-C - ORDER NO. 2006-233

APRIL 20, 2005

IN RE: Docket No. 2005-238-C – Application of	)	ORDER APPROVING
Sprint Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate	)	NAME CHANGE
of Public Convenience and Necessity to	)	
Provide Intrastate Resold	)	
Telecommunications Services, for	)	
Alternative Regulation, and for Waiver of	)	
Certain Commission Rules.	)	
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and	)	
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Docket No. 2005-407-C – Application of	)	
Sprint Long Distance, Inc. for Authority to	)	
Provide Resold and Facilities Based	)	
Competitive Local Exchange Service.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application filed by Sprint Long Distance, Inc. (“SLDI” or the “Company”) for approval of a change in the Company’s name from SLDI to Embarq Communications, Inc. By its Application, SLDI advises the Commission that the name change is in furtherance of the Company’s business plan to separate its identity from Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint”) to a stand-alone telecommunications company and to avoid confusion in the Company’s transacting with regulators, other government agencies, vendors and customers.

A review of the Commission’s records reveals that SLDI was granted authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South

Carolina by Commission Order No. 2005-689, issued December 8, 2005, in Docket No. 2005-238-C. Additionally, on March 17, 2005, by Order No. 2006-167, in Docket No. 2005-407-C, the Commission granted SLDI authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina.

In its Application, SLDI advises the Commission that SLDI has effected a corporate name change to Embarq Communications, Inc. According to SLDI, its corporate parent, LTD Holding Company, has changed its legal name to Embarq Corporation. LTD Holding Company was created, according to SLDI, as a separate entity by Sprint for the purpose of owning and operating SLDI as well as Sprint's local and payphone subsidiaries in South Carolina.<sup>1</sup> SLDI advises that the Company anticipates to begin using the new name on or after April 24, 2006.

As to the public interest, SLDI states that the Company's name change will have no impact on customers or service and that customers will be provided notice of the name change via a bill insert. SLDI asserts that the public interest, convenience and necessity will be furthered by the Company's change of name.

SLDI attaches to its Application a copy of the Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation issued by the State of Delaware along with a copy of Certificate of Authorization issued by the South Carolina Secretary of State evidencing the Company's name change to Embarq Communications, Inc. In addition, SLDI files a copy of the Company's replacement tariff reflecting the Company's new name.

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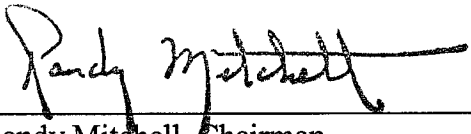
<sup>1</sup> See Commission Order No. 2005-690, dated December 8, 2005, in Docket No. 2005-246-C.

On April 10, 2006, by letter, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") advised the Commission that the ORS has no objections to SLDI's request for change of name. ORS adds that it agrees with SLDI that the name change should separate SLDI's identity from Sprint and that the name change should also eliminate confusion in the Company's dealings with regulators, other government agencies, vendors and customers.

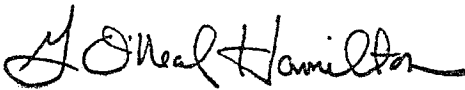
At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 11, 2006, the Commission reviewed the case before it, and after due consideration, the Commission concluded that the request of SLDI for approval of a change in the Company's name should be granted. Accordingly, the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity granted to Sprint Long Distance, Inc. should be amended to reflect the Company's new name of Embarq Communications, Inc.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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Randy Mitchell, Chairman

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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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